

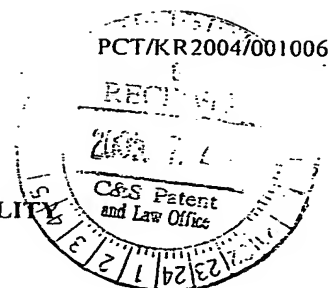
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)



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International application No.

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
 - ☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished

 - ☐ the description:
 - pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
 - pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 - pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

 - ☐ the claims:
 - pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
 - pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
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 - ☐ the drawings:
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 - ☐ the description, pages _____
 - ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
 - ☐ the drawings, sheets _____
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4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
 - ☐ the description, pages _____
 - ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
 - ☐ the drawings, sheets _____
 - ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
 - ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

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International application No.
PCT/KR2004/001006**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	None	YES
	Claims	1-16	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	None	YES
	Claims	1-16	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-16	YES
	Claims	None	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The following documents has been cited as the most relevant arts from the International Search Report:

D1: US 5980786 A

D2: JP12-149923 A

1. Novelty and inventive step

D1 concerns a method for producing a cathode active material for a lithium secondary battery having a large initial capacity and excellent in the charging-discharging cycle characteristics, while the generation of NO₂ is restrained. In the production of a cathode active material for a lithium secondary battery made up of a complex oxide containing at least lithium, after adding a material generating oxygen on spray pyrolysis, such as nitric acid, hydrogen peroxide, etc., to an aqueous or alcohol solution of the organic acid salts of metal elements constituting the complex oxide, the mixture is subjected to spray pyrolysis to form a complex oxide, and the complex oxide is heat-treated.

D2 discloses a manufacturing method of a positive electrode active material for a lithium ion secondary battery having improved charge-discharge efficiency and potential drop at the time of discharging at high temperature. A lithium-nickel composite for the positive electrode active material is made by spraying or freezing and drying slurry having additional boron compound. Final step of manufacturing process is baking slurry at 600-900 degree C for about 6 hours or more in an oxidative environment.

The present invention relates to a method for producing lithium composite oxide used as positive electrode active material by spray pyrolysis and thermal treating. The claims 1-16, the process for manufacturing the cathode active material of lithium multiple oxides and the use of this composition for a lithium secondary battery are considered to mere simple combination of D1 and D2. In addition, the present invention has no expected effect beyond the combination of D1 and D2.

Thus, the subject matter of claims 1-16 does not meet PCT Article 33(2) and 33(3)

2. Industrial applicability

The claims 1-16 is considered to be industrially applicable under PCT Article 33(4).